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The following are reported to be currently under consideration as candidates for the post of Hungarian Minister at Washington, Paris, and London.

- 1. For the Legation at Washington, Paul Sebestyén and Anthony Balásy are being considered. Sebestyén is a career diplomat and a legal supert considered reliable by the Communists although he is not believed to be a member of the Hungarian Communist Party. Balásy is/former career diplomat who held the post of Counselor in London and Washington. He resides in the United States and has a position with a private firm. He is considered to be a fellow traveler.
- 2. The Paris Legation has three candidates under consideration. They are: Count Michael Karolyi, former President of the Hungarian Republic of 1918; George Boloni, a member of the Resistance in France and a 1918 emigre from Hungary; and Imre Oltvanyi, an international banker and a Left-wing member of the Small Holders Party who considered himself a candidate for the Prime Ministry prior to the appointment of Premier Lajos Dinnyés.
- 3. It is reported that Istvan Bede, Hungarian Minister to London had been offered the Washington post but had decided to remain in London because of his belief that the British Labor Government will be more sympathetic to the efforts of the Hungarian socialists. Bede is a member of the Social Democratic Party and was at his London post before the coup d'etat.

